

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
AMENDMENT**

In Page 7, Paragraph 2, Line 16 – Line 27

In Page 8, Paragraph 1, Line 1 – Line 3

IN THE DETAILED DERSCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT:

FIG. 5 is the schematic drawings showing the back supporting frames (1) worn by patients with varied waist contours. The distance ~~(28)~~ (29) between the two plastic frames along the inner half of the rim vary, depending on the shape of the back of the individual patient (27), due to the combined movement of the two hinges (4) located on the upper and lower portions of the plates (2), and the position of the two guiding nuts (25) separately located on the center of the exterior side of the inner-half of the rim of each plastic plate (2), within the two narrow and long holes (20) found on the wider portions of the belt. In addition, the distance ~~(28)~~ (29) between the two plastic frames along the vertical axis is adjustable, allowing the distance ~~(28)~~ (29) between the two plates on the top portion to be different from the distance between the two plates on the bottom portion. This easily adjustable variation in the distance ~~(28)~~ (29) between the two plastic frames enables patients with varied back contours and varied chest width to lower back width ratios to enjoy equal comfort and back support.